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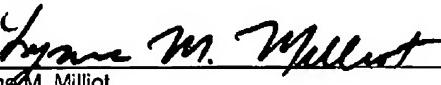
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03 OCTOBER 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 03 October 2005, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. An appropriate request for an extension of time accompanies this paper.

The Claims and their current status are reflected beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.